

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MIDLAND DIVISION

IN RE:	§	
ARABELLA PETROLEUM	§	
COMPANY, LLC,	§	CASE NO. 15-70098-TMD
	§	
Debtor.	§	CHAPTER 11

**AMENDED JOINT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE AND
OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS IN SUPPORT OF
CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION, DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

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Dated: November 26, 2018.

THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE MADE AS OF THE DATE HEREOF UNLESS ANOTHER TIME IS SPECIFIED HEREIN AND RELY UPON CERTAIN PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE TRUSTEE AND THE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THEM. THE DELIVERY OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SHALL NOT CREATE AN IMPLICATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION STATED SINCE THE DATE HEREOF REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF ACTUAL DELIVERY OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

HOLDERS OF CLAIMS SHOULD CAREFULLY READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, INCLUDING THE EXHIBITS, PRIOR TO VOTING ON THE PLAN. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS, THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SUMMARIZES THE TERMS OF THE PLAN. IF ANY INCONSISTENCY EXISTS BETWEEN THE PLAN AND THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN ARE CONTROLLING. THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MAY NOT BE RELIED ON FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN, AND NOTHING STATED HEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ADMISSION OF ANY FACT OR LIABILITY BY ANY PARTY, OR BE ADMISSIBLE IN ANY PROCEEDING INVOLVING THE DEBTOR, OR ANY OTHER PARTY, OR BE DEEMED CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF THE TAX OR OTHER LEGAL EFFECTS OF THE PLAN ON THE DEBTOR, OR HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR EQUITY INTERESTS.

CERTAIN OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, BY NATURE, ARE FORWARD-LOOKING AND CONTAIN ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS. THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WILL BE REFLECTIVE OF ACTUAL OUTCOMES. ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS SHOULD CAREFULLY READ AND CONSIDER FULLY THE RISK FACTORS SET FORTH IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS CONCERNING TRUSTEE'S OR DEBTOR'S PROJECTIONS, VALUATION OF ASSETS, ESTIMATION OF CLAIMS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AND FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:

CERTAIN INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN, INCLUDING THE TRUSTEE'S OR COMMITTEE'S VALUATION OF ASSETS, ESTIMATION OF CLAIMS, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE OBTAINED BY THE TRUSTEE FROM INFORMATION PUBLICLY DISCLOSED BY THE DEBTOR IN THE DEBTOR'S PUBLIC FILINGS OR WERE OBTAINED FROM THE DEBTOR'S BUSINESS RECORDS WITHOUT ANY ABILITY TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF SUCH RECORDS ON A HISTORICAL BASIS.

ALTHOUGH THE TRUSTEE, THE COMMITTEE AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND ADVISORS CONDUCTED A REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE DEBTOR'S BUSINESS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, THEY RELIED UPON THE ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS OF ALL SUCH INFORMATION PUBLICLY FILED BY THE DEBTOR AND/OR READILY ASCERTAINABLE IN THE DEBTOR'S BOOKS AND RECORDS, AND HAVE ASSUMED THAT SUCH INFORMATION WAS REASONABLY PREPARED IN GOOD FAITH AND ON A BASIS REFLECTING THE DEBTOR'S MOST ACCURATE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

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VALUE OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS AND THE AMOUNT OF ALLOWED UNSECURED CLAIMS. THESE STATEMENTS REFLECT CURRENT VIEWS AND ASSUMPTIONS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY VARIOUS FACTORS, INCLUDING THE TRUSTEE'S ABILITY TO CONFIRM AND CONSUMMATE THE PLAN AND DISCHARGE OR SETTLE CLAIMS DURING THE CHAPTER 11 CASE AND MONETIZE CERTAIN ASSETS, SOME OF WHICH MAY NOT BE SOLD UNTIL POST-CONFIRMATION, ACCORDINGLY, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THESE STATEMENTS WILL PROVE ACCURATE, AND ACTUAL RESULTS MAY BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT THAN THOSE CONTAINED HEREIN.

AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT¹

Morris D. Weiss (the “**Trustee**”), chapter 11 trustee for Arabella Petroleum Company, LLC, the debtor in the above-referenced bankruptcy proceeding (“**APC**,” or the “**Debtor**”) and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for APC (the “**Committee**”), as co-plan proponents (collectively, the “**Plan Proponents**”) provide this Amended Disclosure Statement (the “**Disclosure Statement**”) to all known creditors and equity interest holders of the Debtor in order to disclose the information deemed to be material, important, and necessary for creditors and equity interest holders to arrive at a reasonably informed decision in exercising their right to vote for acceptance or rejection of the Plan of Reorganization filed by the Plan Proponents (hereinafter, the “**Plan**”). A copy of the Plan accompanies this Disclosure Statement.

SUMMARY

- The Plan creates a liquidating trust which will own all remaining assets of APC, including but not limited to cash, causes of action, rights to collect outstanding joint interest billings, and any remaining mineral or contract interests.
- As of September 30, 2018, the Trustee, for the APC Estate, held cash totaling \$6,113,603, and anticipates receiving approximately \$1,621,669 from the sale of certain interests by Arabella Exploration, LLC.
- Expenses from September 30, 2018 through the Effective Date of the Plan will total at least \$841,000.00, consisting of:
 - Chapter 11 Trustee fees (pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 326): \$410,000
 - Professional fees: \$350,000
 - US Trustee fees: \$81,000
- Distributions to General Unsecured Creditors are anticipated to be between 20-33% of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, depending upon the ultimate proceeds paid by the AEX Estate, further recoveries and the outcome of pending and future claims objections.

<u>PLAN</u>
UNCLASSIFIED CLAIMS - ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS
On the Effective Date, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, except to the extent that a holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, each holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense Claim shall receive Cash in an amount equal to the Allowed amount of such Claim, or such other treatment consistent with the provisions of section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

¹ Any capitalized term not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Plan.

<u>PLAN</u>
CLASS 1 – PRIORITY CLAIMS
Holders of Allowed Class 1 Priority Claims will be paid in full on the Effective Date.
CLASS 2 – OTHER SECURED CLAIMS
Holders of Allowed Class 2 Other Secured Claims will retain their liens until paid in full upon the sale of any property securing their liens, and shall receive a Class 4 General Unsecured Claim to the extent of any deficiency. The Trustee is unaware of any such claims at this time.
CLASS 3 – SECURED M&M LIEN CLAIMS
Holders of Allowed Class 3 Secured M&M Lien Claims will retain their liens until paid in full upon the sale of any property securing their liens, and shall receive a Class 4 General Unsecured Claim to the extent of any deficiency. The Trustee is unaware of any such claims at this time.
CLASS 4 – GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS
Holders of Allowed Class 4 General Unsecured Claims shall receive a prorata share of interests in the Liquidating Trust, in the percentage that the dollar amount of their individual claim bears to the dollar amount of all Allowed Class 4 Claims.
CLASS 5 – SUBORDINATED CLAIMS
Holders of Allowed Class 5 Subordinated Claims shall receive a pro rata share of interests in the Liquidating Trust, in the percentage that the dollar amount of their individual claim bears to the dollar amount of all Allowed Class 5 Claims, to be calculated and paid only after all senior Classes are paid in full.
CLASS 6 – EQUITY INTERESTS
On the Effective Date, all Equity Interests shall be canceled, and Holders of Class 6 Equity Interests shall receive any remaining funds or assets from the Liquidating Trust in the event all senior classes are paid in full.
OTHER
Liquidating Trust created with the Trustee appointed as the trustee to pursue Causes of Action.

The Bankruptcy Court has set a hearing on confirmation of the Plan on _____, 2018 at _____ [a/p].m. (the “**Confirmation Hearing**”). The Confirmation Hearing will take place

in Courtroom No. 1 at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Homer J. Thornberry Federal Judicial Building, 903 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas, before the Honorable Tony M. Davis, United States Bankruptcy Judge. Creditors, as defined in 101(1) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”), may vote on the Plan by filling out the accompanying ballot form and mailing to it to the Plan Proponents, c/o Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP, 100 Congress Avenue, 18th floor, Austin, Texas 78701, or via facsimile to (512) 685-6417. In order to be counted, your ballot must be received at the above address or fax number by 5:00 p.m. CST on December 28, 2, 2018. As a Creditor, your vote is important. In order for a particular class of creditors designated under the Plan to be deemed accepted, of the ballots cast, Creditors that hold as least 2/3 in amount and more than 1/2 in number of the allowed claims of impaired Classes must accept the Plan. However, you are advised that the Plan Proponents may be afforded the right under the Bankruptcy Code to have the Plan confirmed over the objections of dissenting creditors consistent with the limitations set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

I. INTRODUCTION

This is the Disclosure Statement in the Chapter 11 case of Arabella Petroleum Company, LLC. This Disclosure Statement contains information about the Debtor and describes the Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation of the Debtor as jointly proposed by the Trustee and the Committee, dated November 7, 2018.

YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED. YOU SHOULD READ THE PLAN AND THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS THEM WITH YOUR ATTORNEY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ONE.

The Plan contemplates that there will be an initial distribution of cash to the holders of Allowed Claims. The remaining assets or entitlement to receive funds or proceeds will be placed into the Liquidating Trust and monetized over time by the initial trustee of the Liquidating Trust (the “**Liquidating Trustee**”). It is anticipated that the Liquidating Trustee will make distributions from time to time to the holders of Allowed Claims pursuant to the terms of the Liquidating Trust.

A. Purpose of this Document

This Disclosure Statement describes:

- The Debtor and significant events during the bankruptcy case;
- How the Plan proposes to treat claims or equity interests of the type you hold (i.e., what you will receive on your claim or equity interest if the plan is confirmed);
- Who can vote on or object to the Plan;

- What factors the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas (the “**Bankruptcy Court**”) will consider when deciding whether to confirm the Plan;
- Why the Trustee and the Committee believe the Plan is feasible, and how the treatment of your claim or equity interest under the Plan compares to what you would receive on your claim or equity interest in liquidation;
- What Causes of Action (as defined below) the Liquidating Trustee will be empowered to pursue; and
- The effect of confirmation of the Plan.

Be sure to read the Plan as well as this Disclosure Statement. This Disclosure Statement describes the Plan, but it is the Plan itself that will, if confirmed, establish your rights. All terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth herein or, if not defined herein, shall have the meaning set forth in the definitions section of the Plan. A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

B. Deadlines for Voting and Objecting; Date of Plan Confirmation Hearing

The Bankruptcy Court has not yet confirmed the Plan described in this Disclosure Statement. This section describes the procedures pursuant to which the Plan will or will not be confirmed.

1. Time and Place of the Hearing to Approve This Disclosure Statement and Confirm the Plan

The hearing at which the Bankruptcy Court will determine whether to approve this Disclosure Statement and confirm the Plan will take place on January 7, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. at Courtroom No. 1 at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Homer J. Thornberry Federal Judicial Building, 903 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas, before the Honorable Tony M. Davis, United States Bankruptcy Judge.

2. Deadline For Voting to Accept or Reject the Plan

If you are entitled to vote to accept or reject the plan, vote on the enclosed ballot and return the ballot in the enclosed envelope to Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP, Attn: Arabella Tabulation, 100 Congress Avenue, 18th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701. See **Section IV.A** below for a discussion of voting eligibility requirements.

Your ballot must be received by 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2018 or it will not be counted.

3. *Deadline For Objecting to the Adequacy of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of the Plan*

Objections to this Disclosure Statement or to the confirmation of the Plan must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2018.

4. *Identity of Person to Contact for More Information*

If you want additional information about the Plan, you should contact Eric J. Taube or Mark C. Taylor, Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP, 100 Congress Avenue, 18th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701, Phone: (512) 685-6400, Fax: (512) 685-6417, E-mail: eric.taube@wallerlaw.com or mark.taylor@wallerlaw.com,

C. Disclaimer

The Bankruptcy Court has not yet approved this Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information to enable parties affected by the Plan to make an informed judgment about its terms. The Bankruptcy Court has not yet determined whether the Plan meets the legal requirements for confirmation, and the fact that the Bankruptcy Court may approve this Disclosure Statement does not constitute an endorsement of the Plan by the Bankruptcy Court, or a recommendation that it be accepted. This Disclosure Statement is subject to final approval at the hearing on confirmation of the Plan.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Factors Leading to Chapter 11 Filing

The chapter 11 filing was necessitated by an absence of liquidity and numerous claims. As of the Petition Date, APC had transferred substantially all of its assets to Arabella Exploration, LLC (“AEX”), and was unable to pay its creditors. A discussion of the events leading to the bankruptcy filing is contained in Section II(E) below.

B. This Chapter 11 Case

On July 10, 2015 (the “**Petition Date**”), the Debtor commenced this bankruptcy case (the “**Chapter 11 Case**”) by filing a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Doc. 1], in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas.

On July 24, 2015, the United States trustee appointed the Committee, consisting of Buckeye, Inc., Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, Inc. (“**Baker Hughes**”), Jet Specialty, Inc., and Crossfire, LLC [Doc. 37]. On August 10, the Committee filed its Application to Retain Snow Spence Green LLP as Counsel for the Committee [Doc. 100], which was granted by an order dated September 4, 2015 [Doc. 178].

The Debtor initially operated as a debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor sought to retain the law firm of Loeb & Loeb

(“**Loeb**”) as its counsel [Doc. 24] and to retain CohnReznick LLP (“**CohnReznick**”) to provide “crisis management” services [Doc. 25].

The Committee (among others) opposed both retentions, including on the grounds that Loeb was conflicted by virtue of its previous and/or current representation of and association with other entities and individuals whose interests were opposed to the Debtor’s interests [Docs. 81, 102].

In light of these same concerns, Baker Hughes filed a motion to appoint an examiner [Doc. 17], and the Committee filed a motion to appoint a Chapter 11 Trustee [Doc. 101]. At the request of the Committee [Doc. 57], and over the Debtor’s objection [Doc. 62], the Bankruptcy Court ordered limited, expedited discovery to be conducted [Doc. 67].

The Bankruptcy Court held a hearing on August 18, 2015 and on that same day, ordered that a Chapter 11 Trustee be appointed [Doc. 141]. On August 20, 2015, the United States trustee requested appointment of the Trustee in this matter, and the Bankruptcy Court approved such appointment [Doc. 153].²

The Trustee sought, and the Bankruptcy Court approved, the retention of the law firm of Taube Summers Harrison Taylor Meinzer Brown LLP (“**Taube Summers**”) as counsel to the Trustee. The attorneys of Taube Summers subsequently joined the firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP (“**Waller**”). The appointment of Waller as counsel to the Trustee was thereafter approved by the Bankruptcy Court [Doc. 244]. The Bankruptcy Court also approved the Trustee’s retention of the firm of Lain, Faulkner & Co., P.C., as accountants for the estate [Doc. 195]. At the Trustee’s request, this case was designated as a “Complex Case” [Doc. 166] under the local rules of this district.

The Trustee has filed two reports pursuant to Section 1106(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code [Docs. 258 and 304].

1. The Tag-Along Action

On January 24, 2017, the Trustee filed a *Motion to Approve and Ratify Actions by Trustee* in the Chapter 11 Case (the “**Trustee Tag-Along Motion**”), seeking the Bankruptcy Court’s approval of his exercise of tag-along rights associated with certain back-in interests in operating wells operated by (i) Samson Exploration, LLC and (ii) Brigham Resources Operating, LLC (collectively, the “**APC Tag-Along Rights**”). Arabella Exploration, LLC (“**AEX**”) objected to the Trustee Tag-Along Motion arguing that ownership of the APC Tag-Along Rights was not clear and any determination of ownership of such rights or the use of any proceeds from exercise thereof should be determined at a future time. Ultimately an agreed order approving the Trustee Tag-Along Motion was entered in the Chapter 11 Case on January 31, 2017 (the “**APC Tag-Along Order**”) [Doc. 295], which authorized the Trustee to exercise the APC Tag-Along Rights, but preserved the issue of ownership of the APC Tag-Along Rights and any related proceeds for future determination. The APC Tag-Along Order further required that any funds received by the

² The application to employ CohnReznick was withdrawn [Doc. 144], and the application to employ Loeb was approved [Doc. 146] with certain provisos stated on the transcript available at Doc. 165, pp. 66-68.

Trustee on account of the APC Tag-Along Rights must be held in trust pending resolution of any disputes regarding ownership.

On February 3, 2017, AEX filed a *Motion to (A) Approve and Ratify Exercise of Tag-Along Rights or in the Alternative Assume Tag-Along Letter and (B) Approve and Ratify Exercise of Lease Acquisition Offering* (the “**AEX Tag-Along Motion**”), seeking approval from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “**TXNB Court**”) of the exercise of two tag-along options by Chip Hoebeke (“**Hoebeke**”) regarding interests in certain wells operated by Brigham Resources Operating, LLC and Brigham Midstream, LLC (the “**AEX Tag-Along Rights**” and together with the APC Tag-Along Rights, the “**Tag-Along Rights**”). The Trustee objected to the AEX Tag-Along Motion arguing that ownership of the AEX Tag-Along Rights was vested in APC.

On February 17, 2017, the TXNB Court entered an order granting the AEX Tag-Along Motion [Doc. 97] (the “**AEX Tag-Along Order**” and together with the APC Tag-Along Order, the “**Tag-Along Orders**”), which authorized Hoebeke’s exercise of the AEX Tag-Along Rights, but preserved the issue of ownership of such AEX Tag-Along Rights and any related funds received in respect thereof for future determination.

Subsequent to the entry of the Tag-Along Orders, the Trustee received approximately \$6.2 million in respect of the Samson Exploration, LLC Tag-Along Rights. The Trustee received approximately \$2.7 million with respect to the Brigham Resources Operating, LLC Tag-Along Rights.

APC timely exercised its Tag Along Rights³ in the Samson⁴ and Brigham⁵ Properties. As of the Petition Date, the only recorded interests in the underlying properties were in the name of APC. AEX asserted rights in the properties on the basis of an unrecorded assignment. The Trustee asserted that pursuant to section 544(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee’s rights in such properties prevail and AEX had no interest in such properties.

The Settlement Agreement resolved all matters with respect to the Tag Along Rights between the Settlement Parties. See **Section II.B.2** for additional details regarding the mediation and Settlement Agreement.

³ APC owned certain back-in interests in various oil and gas properties. Included in those interests were certain “Tag-Along Rights.”

⁴ APC is a participant pursuant to a Participation Agreement in the Screaming Eagle Prospect-Pecos County, Texas, dated effective January 1, 2012. Samson Exploration, LLC (“**Samson**”) was the successor to a portion of the interest of ExL Energy II, LP under the Participation Agreement and negotiated for a sale of its interest in the properties covered by the Participation Agreement. As a participant, APC had a right to exercise its Tag-Along rights under the Participation Agreement and sell its interest as well.

⁵ On a pre-petition basis, APC held certain rights pursuant to a Letter Agreement dated September 4, 2013, by and between Piedra Energy II, LLC and Brigham Operating, LLC (“**Brigham**”). Brigham and an affiliate initiated a purchase and sale of Brigham’s interest under the Letter Agreement, which triggered APC’s Tag-Along rights.

2. Mediation and Settlement Agreement

At the hearing on Tag Along Motion, the parties announced an agreement to go to mediation and shortly thereafter filed an *Agreed Motion to Refer Matters to Mediation* [Doc. 306]. An order approving that motion was entered on February 21, 2017 [Doc. 310].

On March 27 and 28, 2017 (1) APC and the Trustee, (2) Committee, (3) AEX and Arabella Operating, LLC (“**AO**”), (4) Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund LP (“**Platinum Trustee**”), Platinum Long Term Growth VIII, LLC (“**Platinum Beneficiary**,” and together with Platinum Trustee, “**Platinum**”) and the SEC Receiver for Platinum, (5) Arabella Exploration, Inc. (“**AEI**”) and (6) Jason Hoisager (“**Hoisager**”) (collectively, the “**Mediation Parties**”) took part in a mediation of their outstanding disputes before United States Bankruptcy Judge H. Christopher Mott, sitting in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas (the “**Mediator**”). All parties other than Hoisager settled. In that connection, the Trustee filed that certain *Motion to Approve Compromise and Settlement Pursuant to Rule 9019* [Doc. 331] (the “**Settlement Motion**”). A hearing to consider the Settlement Motion was conducted on May 18, 2017 and it was approved. On May 18, 2017, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order Granting Motion to Approve Compromise and Settlement Pursuant to Rule 9019* [Doc. 358] (the “**Settlement Order**”). Pursuant to the Settlement Order, the Trustee was authorized to enter into the Mediation Settlement Agreement (the “**Settlement Agreement**”⁶).

Summary of Key Terms of the Settlement Agreement

The Settlement Agreement was the product of the mediation before the Mediator. The parties to the Settlement Agreement are the Trustee, the Committee, AEX and AO, the SEC Receiver, and Platinum (collectively, the “**Settlement Parties**”). The key terms of the Settlement Agreement are as follows⁷:

Division of Proceeds of Tag-Along Rights	Proceeds of the Tag-Along Rights (“ TAR Proceeds ”) shall be divided as follows: 77.5% of the TAR Proceeds shall be disbursed to APC and 22.5% of the TAR Proceeds shall be disbursed to AEX and AO, within 10 days after the effective date of the Settlement Agreement.
DIP Loan ⁸	Out of APC’s share of the TAR Proceeds, APC will make available to AEX and AO a Debtor-In-Possession loan of up to \$1 million (“ DIP Loan ”) for the purpose of resolving any claims of Founders Oil & Gas, LLC

⁶ Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, it also needed to be approved by the court presiding over the SEC Receivership and the TXNB Court for the chapter 11 cases for AEX and AO. The Settlement Agreement has been approved by the TXNB Court in the chapter 11 cases for AEX and AO, and the SEC Receivership Court.

⁷ The summary contained herein is qualified in its entirety with reference to the Settlement Agreement and is not an exhaustive restatement of the terms thereof. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is available through PACER attached to the Settlement Motion, or upon written request to counsel to the Trustee. In the event of any inconsistency between the summary contained herein, and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the terms of the Settlement Agreement shall be controlling.

⁸ As of the date hereof, AEX has not requested APC make a DIP Loan to AEX/AO.

	<p>(“Founders”) arising on or before February 28, 2017. The DIP Loan will be secured by a first priority priming lien on all assets of AEX and AO (excluding causes of action under Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code), and may be used solely for the purpose of paying Founders. Beginning on the date that APC funds the DIP Loan, the DIP Loan will bear interest at a rate of 2% per annum for the first 180 days. Any amount of the DIP Loan outstanding after 180 days shall bear interest at a rate of 5% per annum. The DIP Loan will be due and payable in full upon the earlier of the (a) sale of the Oil and Gas Assets (defined below), to be paid from AEX and AO’s allocation of net proceeds of sale at closing; or (b) 12 months after APC funds the DIP Loan.</p>
Sale Process for Oil and Gas Assets	<p>APC and AEX and AO agree to fully cooperate and use their reasonable best efforts to file companion motions to sell Oil and Gas Assets under 11 U.S.C. § 363 (“363 Sale”⁹) in the Chapter 11 Case and the chapter 11 cases for AEX and AO. “Oil and Gas Assets” is defined as (y) all mineral interests owned by APC, AEX, and AO that are specifically identified by APC, AEX, AO or their agents to be included in the 363 Sale; and (z) the JIB receivables owned by APC with operator liens (excluding those JIB receivables owed by AEX to APC, which claims and liens shall be released promptly upon the direction of the SEC Receiver). Oil and Gas Assets do not include any causes of action held by any party.</p> <p>Any decisions about whether to sell certain Oil and Gas Assets shall be finally determined by the debtor that has record title to such assets. In the event that a debtor with record title removes any Oil and Gas Asset from sale, the net proceeds from any subsequent sale of the excluded asset shall be distributed in accordance with the section entitled “Division of Proceeds from Sale of Oil and Gas Assets” set forth below.</p>

⁹ On February 2, 2017, AEX filed its *Motion, Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(A), 363, and 365, and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, and 6006 for Entry of an Order (A) Approving Sale and Bidding Procedures In Connection With Sale of Assets of The Debtor (B) Authorizing the Sale of Assets Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances, and Other Interests, and (C) Granting Related Relief* (the “**AEX Sale Motion**”). After a hearing, an *Amended Order Approving Sale and Bidding Procedures in Connection with Sale of Assets of the Debtors and Granting Related Relief* [Doc. 195] was entered on May 5, 2017. On May 10, 2017, the Trustee filed his *Motion to Authorize Sale of Property of the Estate* [Doc. 344] (the “**Trustee’s Sale Motion**”). The Trustee’s Sale Motion was approved at a hearing held on May 18, 2017; the order was entered July 11, 2017 [Doc. 412].

	Any material decision delegated to the Consulting Parties (defined below) under the orders approving bidding procedures for the sale of Oil and Gas Assets shall be first discussed in good faith by the Consulting Parties. If the Consulting Parties do not agree, the Debtors shall make the disputed decision. All other Consulting Parties shall have the right to object to the Debtors' decision, and the Parties agree to an expedited hearing on any such objections. The " Consulting Parties " is defined as APC, the Committee, AEX and AO and the SEC Receiver.
Division of Proceeds from Sale of Oil and Gas Assets	Net proceeds from the sale of the Oil and Gas Assets will be distributed 65% to AEX and AO and 35% to APC.
Division of Sale Proceeds of Other Assets	Proceeds from the sale of mineral interests owned by APC or AEX and AO that are not specifically identified to be included in the 363 Sale will be paid in accordance with record title to such mineral interests. If record title to such mineral interests is held by APC, then APC will receive 77.5% of such proceeds, and AEX and AO will receive 22.5% of such proceeds. If record title to such mineral interests is held by AEX and AO, then APC will receive 35% of such proceeds, and AEX and AO will receive 65% of such proceeds.

On April 11, 2017, the Trustee filed a *Motion to Approve Compromise and Settlement Pursuant to Rule 9019* [Doc. 331]. A limited response was filed by Founders Oil & Gas Operating, LLC ("**Founders Operating**") [Doc. 337], and after a hearing, an *Order Granting Motion to Approve Compromise and Settlement Pursuant to Rule 9019* [Doc. 358] was entered on May 24, 2017.

On April 13, 2017, the Trustee and the Committee jointly requested approval of their retention of Tex-Brit Corporation as Land Title Consultant [Doc. 334], which was approved on May 10, 2017 [Doc. 342].

On May 10, 2017, the Trustee filed his *Motion to Authorize Sale of Property of the Estate* [Doc. 344] (the "**Trustee's Sale Motion**"). The Trustee's Sale Motion was approved at a hearing held on May 18, 2017; the order was entered July 11, 2017 [Doc. 412]. This Motion sought approval to convey the Estate's interest (if any) in any assets being sold as part of the sale process approved by the bankruptcy court in the AEX case, as discussed below.

3. *Adversary Proceedings*

Delaware Basin Resources v. APC and AO

On October 7, 2015, Delaware Basin Resources, LLC filed *Plaintiff's Original Complaint* against Arabella Petroleum Company, LLC and Arabella Operating, LLC, initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 15-07002. An *Order Granting Trustee's Motion to Dismiss and Dismissing Adversary Proceeding Without Prejudice* was entered on June 9, 2016 [Doc. 25].

Weiss v. AEX, et al. (the "Fraudulent Transfer Action")

On February 29, 2016, the Trustee filed *Plaintiff's Original Complaint* against Arabella Exploration Inc., Arabella Exploration LLC, Arabella Operating, LLC, Trans-Texas Land & Title, LLC, Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund LP, Platinum Long Term Growth VIII, LLC, and Jason Hoisager, initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 16-07002. The Trustee filed his *Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint* on August 11, 2016 [Doc. 79] (the "**First Amended Complaint**").

The Trustee believes that Jason Hoisager, Arabella Exploration Inc. and Arabella Exploration, LLC were the beneficiaries of actual and constructive fraudulent transfers of cash and oil and gas properties belonging to APC, and that such transfers were made with the actual intent to hinder, delay, or defraud APC's various creditors and/or were made with APC receiving less than reasonably equivalent (and in most cases, no) value for the transfer and at a time when APC (i) was insolvent or was rendered insolvent by the transfer; or (ii) was engaged in a business for which the debtor's remaining property was an unreasonably small capital.

The Settlement Agreement resolved all matters in the Fraudulent Transfer Action between APC and the Trustee, the Committee, AEX and AO, Platinum and the SEC Receiver, and AEI. See **Section II.B.2** for additional details regarding the mediation and Settlement Agreement. On May 26, 2017, the Trustee filed a *Stipulation of Partial Dismissal* to voluntarily dismiss his claims as to Trans-Texas Land & Title, LLC without prejudice. As of the date hereof, the only remaining defendant is Hoisager.

ETC Field Services v. APC, et al.

On April 25, 2016, ETC Field Services LLC filed its *Complaint in Interpleader* against Arabella Petroleum Company, LLC, Arabella Operating Company, LLC, Lynx Operating Co., Inc., Box Six Seven Four, L.C., Evan Energy Investments, LC, Craig L. Massey, Lynx Production Company, Inc., Cavalier Wahoo, LLP, Macfarlane Arabella, LLP, and EHI, LLC, initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 16-07005. An *Agreed Order Dismissing Adversary Proceeding Without Prejudice* was entered July 7, 2016 [Doc. 25].

Founders v. APC

On May 9, 2017, Founders Oil & Gas III, LLC and Founders Oil & Gas Operating, LLC (the "**Founders Plaintiffs**") filed their *Complaint and Request for Declaratory Judgment to Determine Interest in Property* against Arabella Petroleum Company, LLC, initiating Adversary

Proceeding No. 17-07008. The Trustee filed an answer and counterclaim on behalf of the Debtor on June 8, 2017.

The parties attempted to mediate this case on October 13, 2017, but were unsuccessful in these efforts.

On January 4, 2018, the Founders Plaintiffs and the Trustee entered into that certain Stipulation of Dismissal which was approved by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to which the referenced action was dismissed without prejudice.

Founders v. AEX, et al.

The Founders Plaintiffs also filed a *Complaint and Request for Declaratory Judgment to Determine Interest in Property* against AEX and AO in the TXNB Court on April 26, 2017. AEX and AO filed *Defendants' Answer and Counterclaim* on May 26, 2017.

Defendants filed a *Motion for Summary Judgment* on June 19, 2017, which the TXNB Court denied pursuant to its oral ruling on December 21, 2017. Founders and AEX agreed to submit this matter to binding arbitration, filing an *Agreed Motion to Submit Adversary Proceeding to Binding Arbitration and Stay Proceedings* on March 16, 2018. The TXNB Court approved the arbitration, which was scheduled to occur May 29, 2018 through June 1, 2018. Prior to the scheduled arbitration, Founders and AEX reached a settlement and AEX filed a motion to approve the compromise in the TXNB Court, which was approved by Order dated June 28, 2018. The AEX court also approved a related compromise with certain working interest owners.

Weiss v. Patterson-UTI Drilling Company, LLC

On March 15, 2018, the Trustee filed *Plaintiff's Original Complaint Against Patterson-UTI Drilling Company, LLC and Incorporated Objection to Proof of Claim* against Patterson-UTI Drilling Company, LLC, successor by merger to Nomac Drilling, L.L.C. ("**Patterson**"), initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 18-07002. Patterson filed its *Answer and Counterclaim* on April 27, 2018. This action involves disputes as to the amount and secured/unsecured status of claims asserted against the Estate. Thereafter, Culberson Construction LLC intervened in this adversary, and Universal Pressure Pump also agreed to be bound by the determination made by the Court. AS of November 2, 2018, the Trustee has settled with all parties (with the Allowed Claims to be treated as unsecured claims) and is preparing a motion to approve the settlement.

Weiss v. Darrell Don Wilson and Founders Oil & Gas III, LLC

On August 25, 2017, the Trustee filed *Plaintiff's Original Complaint* against Darrell Don Wilson ("**Wilson**") initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 17-07023, relating to certain receivables ("JIBs") owed to the Estate. Founders Oil and Gas III, LLC ("**Founders III**"), intervened. Following the Court's denial of Founders III's *Motion to Dismiss the Original Complaint*, Founders III filed its *Answer to Complaint* on January 19, 2018, and Wilson filed his *Answer to Complaint* on February 22, 2018. This matter is pending, and Defendants have denied liability.

Weiss v. Bear Max LLC and Founders Oil & Gas III, LLC

On October 25, 2018, the Trustee *Plaintiff's Original Complaint* against Bear Max LLC (“**Bear Max**”) initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 17-07025, relating to certain receivables (“JIBs”) owed to the Estate. Founders III intervened. Following the Court’s denial of Founders III’s *Motion to Dismiss the Original Complaint*, Founders III filed its *Answer to Complaint* and Bear Max filed its *Answer to Complaint*. This matter is pending, and Defendants have denied liability.

Weiss v. Sunbelt Rentals Industrial Services, LLC

On August 10, 2017, the Trustee filed *Plaintiff Morris D. Weiss, Chapter 11 Trustee for Arabella Petroleum Company, LLC's Original Complaint* against Sunbelt Rentals Industrial Services, LLC (“**Sunbelt**”), initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 17-07002. Sunbelt filed its *Original Answer and Affirmative Defenses to Plaintiff's Original Complaint* on August 4, 2017. The parties reached a settlement and filed a *Motion to Approve Compromise and Settlement Agreement Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019* [Doc. 577] on March 6, 2018, which was approved by this Court by an order entered April 2, 2018 [Doc. 638].

Weiss v. Pyote Water Systems III, LLC

On July 7, 2017, the Trustee filed *Plaintiff Morris D. Weiss, Chapter 11 Trustee for Arabella Petroleum Company, LLC's Original Complaint* against Pyote Water Systems III, LLC (“**Pyote**”), initiating Adversary Proceeding No. 17-07021. Pyote did not file an answer, and the *Clerk's Entry of Default* was entered on December 21, 2017.

Settlement with McCabe

The Trustee negotiated a settlement to resolve certain disputes with McCabe Petroleum Corporation and filed a *Motion to Approve Compromise and Settlement Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019* [Doc. 419] on July 26, 2017. An order approving the settlement was entered on August 17, 2017 [Doc. 434]. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement, the Trustee received, for the benefit of the Estate, the sum of \$2,100,000.00, of which 22.5% was paid to AEX pursuant to the Settlement Agreement with AEX and others.

Settlement with Lynx and Saulsbury Working Interest Owners.

Settlements with two (2) groups of working interest owners (collectively, the “**Working Interest Owners Settlements**”) were previously approved by this Court and the AEX Bankruptcy Court. On July 25, 2018, this Court approved the settlement with the Lynx Group working interest owners. *See* Doc. 789. On September 10, 2018, this Court approved the settlement with the Saulsbury Group working interest owners. *See* Doc. 824. As a result of the Working Interest Owners Settlements, among other things, approximately, \$26,169,235 in filed proofs of claim were waived and released by the Lynx and Saulsbury working interest owners and the Estate’s joint interest billing claims were resolved with respect to the Lynx and Saulsbury working interest owners.

C. AEX Case

1. Other Arabella Entities

On January 8, 2017, AEX filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the TXNB Court. On April 4, 2017, AO filed its voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The AEX case and the AO case are jointly administered under the AEX case number.

Chip Hoebeke of the Rehmann Turnaround and Receivership Group is the court-authorized chief restructuring officer of AEX and AO.

AEI commenced a liquidation proceeding pending in the Cayman Islands and a related chapter 15 case pending before the TXNB Court (the “**AEI Proceedings**”) in respect of AEX and AO’s parent company - AEI.

There is a receivership filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission pending in the District Court for the Eastern District of New York (Case No. 16-cv- 06848) (the “**SEC Receivership**”) in respect of, among others, the Platinum Trustee and Platinum Beneficiary (collectively, “**Platinum**”). Platinum is the largest secured creditor of AEX, AEI and AO.

AEX and AO are wholly-owned subsidiaries of AEI. AEX is an oil and gas exploration company that owns working interests in a number of oil and gas properties and interests and other related assets. AEX’s assets include, among other things, (i) working interests in six operating wells (the “**Operating Wells**”) and (ii) working interests in 13 non-operating wells. Until approximately June 2016, AO was the operator of the Operating Wells, at which time, Founders Operating became the operator of the Operating Wells. Since that time, AO has had no meaningful operations.

AEX, AO and APC were, at different times, all formed by Jason Hoisager.

2. AEX Sale Motion

On February 2, 2017, AEX filed the AEX Sale Motion seeking approval of certain procedures for the sale of substantially all of AEX’s assets, and ultimately, approval of the sale of substantially all of AEX’s assets. Objections were filed by Founders Operating and the SEC Receiver for Platinum. After a hearing, an *Amended Order Approving Sale and Bidding Procedures in Connection with Sale of Assets of the Debtors and Granting Related Relief* [Doc. 195] was entered on May 5, 2017. AEX solicited bids for the purchase of the assets; however, disputes between AEX and Founders hampered the sales efforts.

On June 6, 2018, AEX filed a motion under Bankruptcy Rule 9019 in its bankruptcy case to compromise and settle disputes with Founders. APC and AEX believed that approval of the settlement would allow the sale process for the AEX assets to proceed, and the Trustee worked with AEX and other interested parties to develop a sales process to allow the sale of the AEX assets to proceed in a timely and appropriate fashion. As a result, the TXNB Court entered Orders on October 29, 2018 approving the sale of certain assets to Jagged Peak Energy, LLC, and on November 1, 2018, approving the sale of certain assets to Flat Creek Resources, LLC.

Subject to the closing of those sales, and any purchase price adjustments under the purchase and sale agreements, APC's estimated share of the sale proceeds, net of costs, is projected to be approximately \$1,621,669.00, which may increase based upon a required holdback of approximately \$575,000 for certain disputed mineral lien claims in the AEX case.

The Plan described herein will permit the Trustee to pursue all Causes of Action (as defined below) of the Debtor, including those still at issue in the Fraudulent Transfer Action.

The Trustee believes that pursuit of such Causes of Action, and recovery of damages and properties in respect of such Causes of Action, is the primary means by which the Debtor may recover funds which may then be paid out to its creditors.

D. Schedules and Statements of Financial Affairs

On August 7, 2015, the Debtor filed its *Statement of Financial Affairs and Schedules of Assets and Liabilities*, subject to permitted amendments from time to time [Docs. 91, 92]. On August 13, 2015, the Debtor filed its *Amended Schedule B* [Doc. 119]. On August 13, 2015, the United States Trustee conducted a meeting of creditors pursuant to Section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code, as continued from time to time. The Trustee has timely filed all monthly operating reports and timely paid all statutory quarterly fees as required by the office of the United States Trustee. To the best of the Trustee's knowledge, information and belief, the Trustee, except to the extent the Bankruptcy Court has permitted otherwise, has complied with all other applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules, as well as local Bankruptcy Court rules and deadlines of the office of the United States Trustee.

E. Description and History of the Debtor's Business

The Debtor's filings prior to the appointment of the Trustee revealed little about its financial situation. While the Trustee has ultimately gained access to certain of the Debtor's books and records, reconstructing the chaotic events that lead to the bankruptcy has been difficult, and certain pieces remain to be put in place, including through discovery.

In rough outline, and explained further below, the information available to the Trustee shows that the Debtor was denuded of its assets and any ability to generate revenue by its manager and sole equity owner, Jason Hoisager. As a result, the Debtor could not then pay its debts as they came due. It was sued by multiple creditors in multiple venues, and ultimately was pressured into filing for bankruptcy relief.

1. The Formation and the Business of the Debtor, AEX, and AO

The Debtor was formed on February 13, 2007, as a Texas limited liability company. The Debtor is in the oil and gas business. It acquired and operated (for its own benefit and the benefit of numerous interest holders) a number of valuable oil and gas properties and interests (the "**Properties**"), primarily in Reeves County, Texas. The Properties include numerous producing wells, wells undrilled or uncompleted or still in development, and an extensive amount of undeveloped acreage. The Debtor was the operator of the wells pursuant to the terms of various joint operating agreements (the "**JOAs**"), memoranda of which were duly recorded in 2013.

On October 2, 2009, AEX was formed. On June 17, 2010, Lone Oak Acquisition Corporation (“**Lone Oak**”), the predecessor to AEI, was formed, under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Lone Oak was formed as a “blank check” company meaning that it had no business but was created as a “shell” company for the purpose of raising capital and then identifying and merging with an operating company.¹⁰

AEX effected a “reverse merger” with Lone Oak, on December 24, 2013. As a result of the merger, AEX’s owners became the owners of Lone Oak, Lone Oak was renamed “Arabella Exploration, Inc.,” and AEX became a subsidiary of AEI. Lone Oak paid no consideration to the Debtor when it purported to “acquire” the tainted assets from AEX.

AO was formed in 2014, apparently for the purpose of assuming the role of operator from the Debtor under the JOAs.

2. Assets and Rights Transferred Away From the Debtor

From 2011 through 2015, AEX and others plundered substantially all of the assets of the Debtor. The detailed allegations supporting this statement are contained in Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint filed in the Fraudulent Transfer Action, together with the exhibits thereto.

As of the Petition Date, the Debtor had \$500.50 in the bank—and millions of dollars in debt with hundreds of unpaid creditors. Notably, substantially all of the Properties once owned by the Debtor were now in the name of AEX and its subsidiaries.

Some defendants in the Fraudulent Transfer Action, in particular Hoisager, AEX, and AO, simply transferred (or had transferred) to themselves large amounts of the Debtor’s cash (the “**Cash**”) and its interests in the Properties.

In specific, Hoisager received (personally or to third parties on his behalf) approximately \$6.3 million in Cash from the Debtor within the relevant time frame. A list of the known transfers of Cash to Hoisager or for his direct benefit, from July 12, 2011 to the Petition Date, is attached as Exhibit A to the First Amended Complaint. Certain of these transfers were booked on APC’s accounting system as member distributions to Molly Hoisager, Mr. Hoisager’s wife, but the Trustee believes that at all relevant times only Hoisager owned membership interests in the Debtor and the payments were therefore made for his benefit and on account of his membership interests.

AEX took substantially all of the Debtor’s interests in the Properties. A list of the known transfers of property, which occurred in 2013, 2014, and 2015, is attached as Exhibit C to the First Amended Complaint. Upon information and belief, AEX retains the Debtor’s interest in certain of the Properties, but it has sold the Debtor’s interest in certain others of the Properties—all without the Debtor having been paid any, or any sufficient, consideration in return.

In fact, the only consideration “paid” by AEX in respect of its receipt of APC’s Properties was an increase in the amounts booked as due to the Debtor under the joint interest

¹⁰ The traditional way that a company will go public is through undergoing the registration process. In contrast, a “blank check” company goes public first and then looks for a business to acquire.

billings. However, this paper obligation was later recharacterized in December 2013 as approximately three million dollars of equity in AEX issued *to Hoisager* and an approximately \$3 million dollar promissory note issued from AEX *to Hoisager*. In other words, APC received no consideration at all with respect to the transfers to AEX—such consideration as there was flowed directly to Hoisager.

Even if these payments to Hoisager are included as AEX's "cost" on its acquisition, AEX claimed in its public securities filings to have sold properties in 2014 for a total cash consideration of more than \$5.6 million, and to have made a profit of more than \$3 million. Those sales include several of the Properties, which were transferred from the Debtor to AEX in the months preceding AEX's subsequent sale. In fact, AEX's acknowledged profit attributable to the Debtor's Properties is itself more than \$3 million.¹¹ For example, the Debtor's interest in the Johnson 44 well was purportedly transferred to AEX from APC by a transfer recorded on December 12, 2013. The Johnson 44 interest was then re-sold by AEX for *a profit of more than \$1.2 million* on March 28, 2014. Another example is the Roark prospect, the transfer of which from APC to AEX was recorded on December 11, 2013, and which was then re-sold for *more than \$1.5 million in profit* on June 24, 2014. The Trustee has asserted in the Fraudulent Transfer Action that all of AEX's ill-gotten gains with respect to these and any other subsequent sales of the Properties should be disgorged and repaid to the Debtor.¹²

In addition to its receipt of the Properties, AEX also received almost \$6.2 million in Cash from the Debtor. A list of the known transfers of Cash, from July 2011 through the Petition Date, is attached as Exhibit D to the First Amended Complaint.

In 2014 and 2015, AO took over the Debtor's role as operator under several joint operating agreements.¹³ Upon information and belief, the transfer of such operator status was yet another step taken to further Hoisager's plan to benefit himself and his affiliates at the expense of the Debtor and its creditors, in this case by ensuring that the Debtor had no leverage or control over the disposition of the Properties or over the various streams of funds with respect to the Properties (for instance, those payable to service providers and payable to and from other working interest holders). In addition to the transfer of operating rights, AO also received approximately \$882,000 in Cash from the Debtor in 2015, for no consideration of which the Trustee is aware. A list of the known transfers of Cash, from January 2015 through the Petition Date, is attached as Exhibit E to the First Amended Complaint.

Throughout the course of action described above, the Debtor's principals looked the other way, for their own benefit and for the benefit of the other defendants. All matters related to AEX and AO were resolved pursuant to the Settlement Agreement as discussed in **Section II.B.2** above

¹¹ https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1506374/000121390015002772/f10k2014_arabellaexpl.htm.

¹² Furthermore, to the extent the transfers of the Properties from AEX to the third-party purchasers was not for value, were not taken in good faith and without knowledge of their avoidability by the transferees, or are otherwise avoidable, the Trustee reserves his rights to recover such Properties or the value thereof.

¹³ The Trustee does not concede that the transfer of operating rights was undertaken properly under governing law or under the JOAs.

3. *Granting of Tainted Liens to Platinum as Subsequent Transfers Subject to Avoidance*

In September of 2014, having already obtained possession of a significant part of the Debtor's assets, AEX went a step further, monetizing them further by encumbering the Properties with liens. The Trustee alleged in the First Amended Complaint that Platinum was the subsequent transferee of a fraudulent transfer. All matters related to Platinum were resolved pursuant to the Settlement Agreement as discussed in **Section II.B.2** above.

4. *Hoisager's Mismanagement and Breaches of Duties*

In connection with and in addition to the activities specified above, Hoisager engaged in gross mismanagement of the Debtor, violating his fiduciary duties to the Debtor, in specific his duty of care and his duty of loyalty. Hoisager knowingly, willfully, and for his own benefit caused the Debtor to fail to perform its duties as operator and as owner of various oil and gas interests. Hoisager caused the Debtor to fail to pay debts that it owed and incurred both on its own behalf and on behalf of others. As a direct result of his recklessness and gross negligence, various of the Debtor's rights in property deteriorated or were lost and the Debtor incurred excessive and unnecessary debts and liabilities. In essence, Hoisager played the central role in a scheme pursuant to which he transferred the Cash and Properties at will so as to maximize the benefits to himself and his affiliates, to the detriment of the Debtor and its creditors.

F. Insiders and Management of the Debtor

The Debtor has one equity security holder, Jason Hoisager, who holds a 100 percent (100%) interest (the "**Equity Interest**") in the Debtor. The Debtor does not pay any of its insiders a salary, nor has it made any distributions to its insiders since the Petition Date.

Pursuant to the Plan, the Equity Interest in the Debtor will be extinguished.

G. Management of the Debtor After the Plan Becomes Effective

After the Effective Date of the order confirming the Plan, all of the Debtor's Property and Causes of Action will be transferred and conveyed to the Liquidating Trust. Liens on the Property will be terminated pursuant to the Plan or otherwise dealt with as prescribed in the Plan. The Plan and the distributions to be made thereunder are not dependent on upon the future operations of the Property. Management of the Debtor post-reorganization is not relevant because the recoveries under the Plan are not dependent upon future operations.

H. Projected Recovery of Avoidable Transfers and Other Causes of Action

The Liquidating Trustee will pursue all causes of action of the Debtor (the "**Causes of Action**"). Causes of Action identified to date include those brought in the Fraudulent Transfer Action, potential claims against the Founders entities, and causes of action (including without limitation those with respect to unpaid joint interest billings) against working interest holders in JOAs to which the Debtor is or was a party (the "**Working Interest Causes of Action**") and claims relating to oil and gas interests for which the Debtor may hold record title or contractual

or equitable rights, title or interest (“**Oil and Gas Interests**”). It is expected that all such claims will be contested.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the Plan does not, and is not intended to, release any Causes of Action or objections to claims. All such rights are specifically preserved in favor of the Debtor, the Trustee, and the Liquidating Trust.

Creditors and Holders of Equity Interests are advised that legal rights, claims and rights of action the Debtor may have against them, if any exist, are retained under the Plan and will be transferred into the Liquidating Trust for prosecution, settlement or compromise by the Liquidating Trustee unless a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court authorizes the Debtor to release such claims. As such, Creditors and Holders of Equity Interests are cautioned not to rely on (i) the absence of the listing of any legal right, claim or Cause of Action against a particular Creditor in the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Schedules, or the Statement of Financial Affairs, or (ii) the absence of litigation or demand prior to the Effective Date as any indication that the Debtor, the Trustee, or the Liquidating Trustee does not possess or does not intend to prosecute a particular right, claim or Cause of Action if a particular Creditor or Holder of Equity Interests votes to accept the Plan. It is the expressed intention of the Plan to preserve rights, objections to claims, and rights of action of the Debtor, whether now known or unknown, for the benefit of the Liquidating Trust and the Debtor’s Creditors. A Cause of Action shall not, under any circumstances, be waived as a result of the failure of the Debtor to describe such Cause of Action with specificity in the Plan or in the Disclosure Statement; nor shall the Liquidating Trustee nor the Liquidating Trust, as a result of such failure, be estopped or precluded under any theory from pursuing such Causes of Action. Nothing in the Plan operates as a release of any of the Causes of Action.

The Trustee does not presently know the full extent of the Causes of Action and, for purposes of voting on the Plan, all Creditors are advised that the Liquidating Trustee will have substantially the same rights that a Chapter 7 trustee would have with respect to the Causes of Action. Accordingly, neither a vote to accept the Plan by any Creditor nor the entry of the Confirmation Order will act as a release, waiver, bar, or estoppel of any Cause of Action against such Creditor or any other Person or Entity, unless such Creditor, Person or Entity is specifically identified by name as a released party in the Plan, in the Confirmation Order, or in any other Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court. Confirmation of the Plan and entry of the Confirmation Order is not intended to and shall not be deemed to have any res judicata or collateral estoppel or other preclusive effect which would precede, preclude, or inhibit prosecution of such Causes of Action following Confirmation of the Plan.

The Debtor and the Liquidating Trustee reserve all rights under Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any and all Secured Claims. The Liquidating Trust shall remain open, even if the Chapter 11 Case shall have been closed, as to any and all Causes of Action until such time as the Causes of Action have been fully administered and the recoveries in respect of Causes of Action (the “**Causes of Action Recoveries**”) have been received by the Liquidating Trustee.

The Causes of Action that may be pursued post-Confirmation by the Liquidating Trustee include the claims remaining in the Fraudulent Transfer Lawsuit, claims against working interest

owners, all pending adversary proceedings, all claims relating to Oil and Gas Interests, and any claims or causes of action of any nature whatsoever against Founders Oil & Gas Operating, LLC, Founders Oil & Gas III, LLC, or any of their affiliates, officers, directors or employees (the “**Founders Claims**”). The Founders entities dispute the material allegations made by the Trustee, and dispute any liability or damages. The Liquidating Trustee will also pursue “**Avoidance Actions**,” as defined in the following paragraph.

All claims, Causes of Action, and other legal and equitable rights that the Debtor or Trustee had (or had power to assert) immediately prior to Confirmation of the Plan, including actions for the avoidance and recovery of estate property under Bankruptcy Code Sections 329 and 550, or transfers avoidable under Bankruptcy Code Sections 544, 545, 547, 548, 549 or 553(b), will be transferred into the Liquidating Trust as of the Effective Date, and the Liquidating Trustee may commence or continue, in any appropriate court or tribunal, any suit or other proceeding for the enforcement of such actions for the benefit of the beneficiaries under the Plan and the Liquidating Trust established pursuant to it.

I. Preservation of Causes of Action

1. Preservation of Causes of Action.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, or in the Confirmation Order, or in any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement entered into in connection with the Plan, in accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, following the Confirmation Date, the Liquidating Trustee shall retain and may enforce, sue on, settle, or compromise (or decline to do any of the foregoing) all Causes of Action which remain in the Fraudulent Transfer Action, all Causes of Action relating to Oil and Gas Interests, all Avoidance Actions, all Causes of Action relating to the Founders Claims, and all Working Interest Causes of Action, including claims against working interest owners based upon joint interest billings (except to the extent released under the Plan), that the Debtor or its Estate may hold against any Entity without further approval of the Bankruptcy Court whether arising before or after the Petition Date, including any actions specifically enumerated in the Plan Implementation Documents (as defined below), and the right of the Liquidating Trustee to commence, prosecute, or settle such Causes of Action shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date. No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Implementation Documents, or the Disclosure Statement to any Cause of Action against it as any indication that the Liquidating Trustee will not pursue any and all available Causes of Action against it. The Liquidating Trustee, as applicable, expressly reserves all rights to prosecute any and all Causes of Action against any Entity, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan. Unless any Causes of Action against an Entity are expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or a Bankruptcy Court order, the Liquidating Trustee expressly reserves all Causes of Action, for later adjudication, and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such Causes of Action upon, after, or as a consequence of the Confirmation.

2. *Preservation of Assigned Actions.*

On the Effective Date, the Assigned Actions which shall include all Causes of Action described in the preceding paragraph shall be assigned to the Liquidating Trust. For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, all Assigned Actions are preserved as they existed immediately before the Effective Date for the Liquidating Trustee to prosecute on behalf of the Liquidating Trust. The Liquidating Trust shall be vested with and may enforce, sue on, settle, or compromise (or decline to do any of the foregoing) the Assigned Actions of the Debtor or its Estate against any Entity without further approval of the Bankruptcy Court whether arising before or after the Petition Date and the Liquidating Trust's rights to commence, prosecute, or settle such Assigned Action shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date. The Liquidating Trustee shall have the exclusive right, authority, and discretion to determine and to initiate, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, withdraw, or litigate to judgment any such Assigned Action and to decline to do any of the foregoing without the consent or approval of any third party (other than the Liquidating Trust Committee as provided for in the Liquidating Trust Agreement and in the Plan) or further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. The term **"Assigned Actions"** is defined in the Plan as follows: "means all Causes of Action of Debtor (including Avoidance Actions). A list of identified potential Causes of Action will be filed as a **"Plan Implementation Document,"** which will be included in the Plan Supplement. The term **"Avoidance Action"** is defined in the Plan as "any actions commenced, or that may be commenced, before or after the Effective Date pursuant to section 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551 or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code."

No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Implementation Documents, or the Disclosure Statement to any Cause of Action against it as any indication that the Debtor, the Liquidating Trustee or the Liquidating Trust will not pursue any and all Assigned Action against it. The Liquidating Trustee expressly reserves all rights to prosecute any and all Assigned Actions against any Entity. The Liquidating Trust and Liquidating Trustee expressly reserves all Assigned Actions, for later adjudication, and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such Assigned Action upon, after, or as a consequence of Confirmation of the Plan. As to the Assigned Actions contributed to the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trustee shall constitute the representative of the bankruptcy Estate for all purposes under Section 1123(b)(3)(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

J. Effectuating Documents; Further Transactions

On and after the Effective Date, the Trustee is authorized to and may issue, execute, deliver, file, or record such contracts, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents, including the Plan Implementation Documents, and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate, implement, and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan, without the need for any approvals, authorization, or consents except for those expressly required pursuant to the Plan and Liquidating Trust Agreement.

K. RELEASE, INJUNCTION, AND RELATED PROVISIONS

1. Term of Injunctions or Stays.

Unless otherwise provided herein or in a Final Order, all injunctions or stays arising under or entered during the Chapter 11 Cases under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise and in existence on the Confirmation Date, shall remain in full force and effect until the later of the Effective Date and the date set forth in the order providing for such injunction or stay.

2. Exculpation.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party is hereby released and exculpated from, any Claim, Cause of Action, obligation, suit, judgment, damage, demand, loss, or liability for any claim related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Case, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or termination of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the related agreements, instruments, and other documents, the solicitation of votes with respect to this Plan, or any contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan, pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the distribution of property under the Plan, the related agreements, instruments, and other documents except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence.

None of the Exculpated Parties shall have or incur any liability to any person or any of their respective agents, employees, representatives, advisors, attorneys, affiliates, shareholders, or members, or any of their successors or assigns, for any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Case, the Disclosure Statement, the transactions contemplated by or described in the Plan or Disclosure Statement, the formulation, negotiation, or implementation of this Plan, the pursuit of Confirmation of this Plan, the Confirmation of this Plan, the consummation of this Plan, or the administration of this Plan or the property to be distributed under this Plan.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Plan, no person, no person's agents, directors, managers, officers, employees, representatives, advisors, attorneys, affiliates, shareholders, or member and no person's successors or assigns shall have any right of action against any of the Exculpated Parties for any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Case, the Disclosure Statement, the transactions contemplated by or described in the Plan or Disclosure Statement, the formulation, negotiation, or implementation of this Plan, the pursuit of Confirmation of this Plan, the Confirmation of this Plan, the consummation of this Plan, or the administration of this Plan or the property to be distributed under this Plan.

3. *Injunction.*

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests which are subject to exculpation pursuant to Section 12.8 of the Plan, are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against the Exculpated Parties: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such entities or the property or the estates of such entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such entities or against the property of such entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims released or settled pursuant to the Plan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the injunction does not enjoin any party under the Plan or under any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan from bringing an action to enforce the terms of the Plan or such document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan.

4. *Reimbursement or Contribution.*

If the Bankruptcy Court disallows a Claim for reimbursement or contribution of an Entity pursuant to section 502(e)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code, then to the extent that such Claim is contingent as of the time of disallowance, such Claim shall be forever disallowed and expunged notwithstanding section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code, unless prior to the Confirmation Date: (1) such Claim has been adjudicated as non-contingent; or (2) the relevant holder of a Claim has Filed a non-contingent Proof of Claim on account of such Claim and a Final Order has been entered prior to the Confirmation Date determining such Claim as no longer contingent.

L. The Liquidating Trust¹⁴

1. Establishment of the Liquidating Trust.

On the Effective Date, the Liquidating Trust shall be established for the benefit of the Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims (and, to the extent they are paid in full, Subordinated Claims and, thereafter, Equity Interests). Section 4.7 of the Plan sets forth certain of the rights, duties, and obligations of the Liquidating Trustee. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Section and the terms of the Liquidating Trust Agreement, the terms of the Liquidating Trust Agreement shall govern.

¹⁴ The summary contained herein is qualified in its entirety with reference to the Liquidating Trust Agreement, which will be included in a Plan Supplement, and is not an exhaustive restatement of the terms thereof. In the event of any inconsistency between the summary contained herein, and the terms of the Liquidating Trust Agreement, the terms of the Liquidating Trust Agreement shall be controlling.

2. *Trustee.*

The initial Liquidating Trustee of the Liquidating Trust shall be Morris D. Weiss, the current chapter 11 trustee, subject to the approval by the Committee and the Bankruptcy Court. The experience and qualifications of Morris D. Weiss are described in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. The Liquidating Trustee shall be compensated for services performed as provided for in the Liquidating Trust Agreement.

3. *Execution of Liquidating Trust Agreement.*

On the Effective Date, the Liquidating Trust Agreement shall be executed, and all other necessary steps shall be taken to establish the Liquidating Trust and the beneficial interests therein. The form of the Liquidating Trust Agreement and related ancillary documents shall be acceptable to the Committee in its sole discretion, subject only to Bankruptcy Court approval at the Confirmation Hearing.

4. *Purpose of the Liquidating Trust.*

The Liquidating Trust shall be established for the sole purpose of liquidating and distributing the Trust Assets to the Holders of interests in the Liquidating Trust, in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d), with no objective to continue or to engage in the conduct of a trade or business. The Liquidating Trust, through the Liquidating Trustee, shall (i) collect and reduce the Trust Assets to Cash, (ii) prosecute, settle and otherwise administer the Assigned Actions, (iii) make Distributions to the beneficiaries of the Liquidating Trust in accordance with the Plan and Liquidating Trust Agreement and (iv) take all such actions as are reasonably necessary to accomplish the purpose hereof, as more fully provided in the Liquidating Trust Agreement.

5. *Trust Assets.*

The Liquidating Trust shall consist of the Trust Assets (which include, among other assets, cash, Assigned Actions, 35% of all JIB collections, and 77.5% of any proceeds relating to any Oil and Gas Interests). On the Effective Date, all Transfers to the Liquidating Trust provided for under the Plan shall be made by the applicable party, including the following: the Trustee shall execute and deliver to the Liquidating Trust all cash, Assigned Actions, and any other remaining assets, less amounts necessary to pay any remaining administrative expenses. On the Effective Date, the Trust Assets, including the Assigned Actions, shall automatically vest in the Liquidating Trust, free and clear of all Liens, Claims and encumbrances.

6. *Governance of the Liquidating Trust.*

The Liquidating Trust shall be governed by the Liquidating Trustee Committee in accordance with the Liquidating Trust Agreement and consistent with the Plan. The members of the Liquidating Trust Committee shall constitute a quorum for voting and approval purposes. Whenever such quorum is present, the vote of a majority of such quorum shall be binding on the Liquidating Trust Committee and the Liquidating Trust.

7. *The Trustee.*

Morris D. Weiss, the current chapter 11 trustee, will serve as the Liquidating Trustee, subject to approval by the Committee and the Bankruptcy Court at the Confirmation Hearing. With respect to the Trust Assets, the Liquidating Trustee shall be a representative of the Estate pursuant to Section 1123(a)(5)(B) and 1123(b)(3)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Liquidating Trustee may prosecute, settle and otherwise administer the Assigned Actions on behalf of the Liquidating Trust, without the need for Bankruptcy Court approval or any other notice or approval, except as set forth in the Liquidating Trust Agreement, and shall also have standing and authority to object to any Claims filed against the Debtor's Estate or scheduled by the Debtor that purport to qualify as an Allowed Secured M&M Lien Claim or Allowed General Unsecured Claim under the terms of the Plan, including, without limitation, pursuant to Section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Liquidating Trustee shall be exempt from giving any bond or other security in any jurisdiction.

8. *General Powers of Trustee.*

The Liquidating Trustee, on behalf of the Liquidating Trust, shall have all of the rights, powers and privileges set forth in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and the Liquidating Trust Agreement. Subject to obtaining the approval of the Liquidating Trust Committee to the extent required by the Plan and the Liquidating Trust Agreement, the Liquidating Trustee is authorized and shall have the obligation to take all such actions as in his/her judgment are necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the Plan, including but not limited to the following:

- Perform the duties, exercise the powers, and assert the rights of a trustee under Sections 704 and 1106 of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Trust Assets or Liquidating Trust, including, without limitation, commencing, prosecuting or settling Assigned Actions contributed to the Liquidating Trust, enforcing contracts, and asserting claims, defenses, offsets and privileges;
- Hold legal title to any and all rights of the beneficiaries of the Liquidating Trust in or arising from the Trust Assets, including, without limitation, collecting, receiving any and all money and other property belonging to the Liquidating Trust and the right to vote any claim or interest in a case under the Bankruptcy Code and receive any Distribution therein;
- Make Distributions to the Holders of Allowed Secured M&M Lien Claims and Allowed General Unsecured Claims as contemplated under the Plan and Liquidating Trust Agreement;
- Supervise and administer the reconciliation, resolution and settlement of Allowed Secured M&M Lien Claims and Allowed General Unsecured Claims and the Distributions to the Holders of Allowed Secured M&M Lien Claims and Allowed General Unsecured Claims in accordance with the Plan;

- Enter into any agreement on behalf of the Liquidating Trust required by or consistent with the Plan and perform all of the obligations required of the Liquidating Trustee under the Liquidating Trust Agreement or the Plan;
- With the prior approval of the Liquidating Trust Committee, abandon any of the assets of the Liquidating Trust if the Liquidating Trustee concludes that such assets are of no net benefit to Allowed Secured M&M Lien Claims and Allowed General Unsecured Claim Holders;
- Participate in or initiate any proceeding with respect to the Trust Assets before the Bankruptcy Court or any other court appropriate jurisdiction and participate as a party or otherwise in any administrative, arbitral or other non-judicial proceeding and litigate claims on behalf of the Liquidating Trust, including all Assigned Actions;
- Participate as a party-in-interest in any proceeding with respect to the Trust Assets or the Liquidating Trust before the United States Bankruptcy Court involving the Chapter 11 Case;
- With the prior approval of the Liquidating Trust Committee, participate in or initiate, prosecute and settle an objection to allowance of any General Unsecured Claim or Secured M&M Lien Claim without approval of the Bankruptcy Court;
- Protect and enforce the rights to the Trust Assets by any method deemed appropriate including, without limitation, by judicial proceedings or pursuant to any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or similar law and general principles of equity;
- Take actions and exercise remedies (including, but not limited to, those provided under the Plan Implementation Documents) against any Entity that owes an obligation to the Liquidating Trust;
- Subject to the prior approval of the Liquidating Trust Committee, retain and pay such Liquidating Trust Professionals as the Liquidating Trustee may select to assist the Liquidating Trustee in its duties, on such terms as the Liquidating Trustee deems appropriate, without Bankruptcy Court approval. For avoidance of doubt, the engagement of any professionals by the Liquidating Trust must be approved in advance by the Liquidating Trust Committee. Subject to Liquidating Trust Committee approval, the Liquidating Trustee may commit the Liquidating Trust to and shall pay Liquidating Trust Professionals reasonable compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred and may engage counsel on a contingent basis. A law firm or professional shall not be disqualified from serving as a Liquidating Trust Professional solely because of its current or prior retention as counsel or professional to the parties in interest in the Cases;
- Retain and pay such third parties as the Liquidating Trustee may deem necessary or appropriate to assist the Liquidating Trustee in carrying out its powers and duties under the Liquidating Trust Agreement, subject to Liquidating Trust Committee approval. Subject to Liquidating Trust Committee approval, the Liquidating Trustee may commit the Liquidating Trust to and shall pay all such Persons reasonable compensation for

services rendered and expenses incurred, as well as commit the Liquidating Trust to indemnify any such parties in connection with the performance of services;

- Employ such employees as the Liquidating Trustee, and as consistent with the purposes of the Liquidating Trust, may deem necessary or appropriate to assist the Liquidating Trustee in carrying out its powers and duties under this Trust Agreement. The Liquidating Trustee may commit the Liquidating Trust to and shall pay all such employees reasonable salary in the amounts it shall determine to be appropriate and any employee benefits it may establish. If the Liquidating Trustee employs employees, the Liquidating Trustee shall establish payroll procedures and pay any and all federal, state or local tax withholding required under applicable law with respect to any such employees, and it will take all other actions it deems necessary;
- Assert or waive any privilege or defense on behalf of the Liquidating Trust or, with respect to the Trust Assets, as provided in the Liquidating Trust Agreement or the Plan;
- Subject to prior approval of the Liquidating Trust Committee, compromise, adjust, arbitrate, sue on or defend, pursue, prosecute, abandon, exercise rights, powers, and privileges with respect to, or otherwise deal with and settle, in accordance with the terms set forth herein, all Causes of Action in favor of or against the Liquidating Trust as the Liquidating Trustee shall deem advisable;
- Execute offsets and assert counterclaims against General Unsecured Claims and Secured M&M Lien Claims as part of an objection to any Secured M&M Lien Claim or General Unsecured Claim, but only up to the amount of the General Unsecured Claim or Secured M&M Lien Claim;
- Invest any moneys held as part of the Liquidating Trust in accordance with the terms of the Liquidating Trust Agreement, limited, however, to such investments that are consistent with the Liquidating Trust's status as a Liquidating Trust within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 301.7701-4(d);
- Request any appropriate tax determination with respect to the Liquidating Trust, including, without limitation, a determination pursuant to Section 505 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- Take or refrain from taking any and all actions the Liquidating Trustee reasonably deems necessary or convenient for the continuation, protection and maximization of the Trust Assets or to carry out the purposes hereof;
- Assume such other powers as may be vested in or assumed by the Liquidating Trust pursuant to the Plan or Bankruptcy Court order, or as may be necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of the Plan or the Liquidating Trust Agreement;
- Establish and maintain such bank accounts to draw checks on such bank accounts and perform such other necessary and appropriate duties with respect to such accounts, or

designate individuals as signatories therefore, as the Liquidating Trustee may direct and authorize;

- Invest or reinvest Trust Assets and to cause such investments, or any part thereof, to be registered and held in its name, as Liquidating Trustee, or in the name of nominees;
- Hold any unclaimed Distribution or payment to the Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim or Allowed Secured M&M Lien Claim in accordance with the Plan and the Liquidating Trust Agreement;
- Propose (but not require) any amendment, modification or supplement to the Plan or the Liquidating Trust Agreement with respect to Trust Assets or the Liquidating Trust that is not inconsistent with the Plan;
- File dissolution/termination documents with the appropriate governmental agencies to dissolve the Liquidating Trust;
- Receive, conserve and manage the Trust Assets, and sell, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1123(a)(5) and the Plan, or otherwise dispose of such assets for a price and upon such terms and conditions as the Liquidating Trustee deems most beneficial to the Holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims and Allowed Secured M&M Lien Claims that are approved by the Liquidating Trust Committee and execute such instruments in connection therewith;
- Pay all taxes, if any, properly payable by the Liquidating Trust, make all tax withholdings and file tax returns and tax information returns with respect to the Liquidating Trust, and make tax elections by and on behalf of the Liquidating Trust;
- Pay all lawful expenses, debts, charges and liabilities of the Liquidating Trust or relating to the Trust Assets;
- Establish such reserves for taxes, assessments and other expenses of administration of the Liquidating Trust as may be necessary and appropriate for the proper operation of matters incident to the affairs of the Liquidating Trust; and
- Exercise such other powers and duties as are necessary or appropriate in the Liquidating Trustee's discretion to accomplish the purposes of the Plan.

M. Liquidating Trust Committee

1. Formation.

On the Effective Date, a Liquidating Trust Committee shall be formed. The Liquidating Trust Committee shall be governed by the terms of the Liquidating Trust Agreement. The members of the Liquidating Trust Committee shall appoint representatives as provided for in the Liquidating Trust Agreement. Any member of the Liquidating Trust Committee may designate any other member as proxy for any vote of the Liquidating Trust Committee. Until any vacancy

on the Liquidating Trust Committee is filled, the Liquidating Trust Committee shall function in its reduced number.

2. *Members.*

The initial members of the Liquidating Trust Committee shall be:

- Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, Inc.
- Not less than two (2) and up to three (3) additional members to be determined before the Effective Date.

3. *Powers of the Liquidating Trust Committee.*

The Liquidating Trust Committee shall:

- (i) have the right to review, approve and object to settlements and proposed prosecution, release or abandonment of objections to Secured M&M Lien Claims, General Unsecured Claims and/or Causes of Action by the Liquidating Trustee subject to the terms of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and the Liquidating Trust Agreement, provided, however, that no member of the Liquidating Trust Committee shall review or have any authority over decisions of the Liquidating Trust Committee or the Liquidating Trustee relating to any Claims or Causes of Action in which that member is a claimant against a Debtor or defendant in an action brought by the Debtor, the Liquidating Trustee or the Liquidating Trust;
- (ii) have the right to review, approve and object to proposed sales and other dispositions of Trust Assets;
- (iii) be vested with authority to remove the Liquidating Trustee, or any successor Liquidating Trustee, appointed pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Liquidating Trust Agreement;
- (iv) consult with the Liquidating Trustee in connection with any other matters related to the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Liquidating Trust Agreement;
- (v) Select a successor member of Liquidating Trust Committee as provided in the Liquidating Trust Agreement;
- (vi) Approve the hiring of each professional by the Liquidating Trustee and the terms under which each such professional is to be compensated;
- (vii) Monitor and receive periodic reports and updates from the Liquidating Trustee regarding the status of the administration of the Liquidating Trust Assets; and

- (viii) perform such additional functions otherwise provided for in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Liquidating Trust Agreement, or are provided for by further order of the Bankruptcy Court entered after the Effective Date.

4. *Exculpation.*

The members of the Liquidating Trust Committee shall undertake their duties as specified in the Plan and the Liquidating Trust Agreement. In serving as a member of the Liquidating Trust Committee, such members shall not assume or be deemed to have assumed any liability to Creditors, Holders of Equity Interest, the Debtor, the Trustee, the Liquidating Trust, the Trustee, or any other parties in interest in the Chapter 11 Case and shall not be liable for any acts or omissions while acting in that capacity, except for acts or omissions in bad faith and acts or omissions constituting malfeasance or gross negligence. In addition, the members of the Liquidating Trust Committee shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Liquidating Trust of their reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their duties as members of the Liquidating Trust Committee. Resignation and removal of Liquidating Trust Committee members, and appointment of their successors, shall be conducted pursuant to the terms of the Liquidating Trust Agreement.

5. *Dissolution.*

The Liquidating Trust Committee shall be dissolved at the time the Liquidating Trust is dissolved. Upon dissolution, the members thereof shall be released and discharged of and from all further authority, duties, responsibilities and obligations related to and arising from their service as Liquidating Trust Committee members.

6. *Indemnification of Liquidating Trust Committee.*

The Liquidating Trust Committee or the individuals comprising the Liquidating Trust Committee, as the case may be, and the Liquidating Trust Committee's agents and professionals, shall not be liable for actions taken or omitted in its capacity as, or on behalf of, the Liquidating Trust Committee, except those acts arising out of its or their own willful misconduct, gross negligence, bad faith, self-dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, or ultra vires acts, and each shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement from Trust Assets for fees and expenses in defending any and all of its actions or inactions in its capacity as, or on behalf of, the Liquidating Trust Committee, except for any actions or inactions involving willful misconduct, gross negligence, bad faith, self-dealing, breach of fiduciary duty, or ultra vires acts. Any indemnification claim of the Liquidating Trust Committee shall be satisfied exclusively from the Trust Assets. The Liquidating Trust Committee shall be entitled to rely, in good faith, on the advice of its retained professionals.

N. Committee

The Committee shall dissolve as of the Effective Date and the members of the Committee shall be released and discharged from all authority, duties, responsibilities and obligations related to and arising from and in connection with the Chapter 11 Case. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Plan or anywhere else in the Plan is intended to affect in any manner the

Committee's Professionals from applying to the Bankruptcy Court for the allowance of professional fee claims incurred through the Effective Date (but not thereafter).

O. Plan Implementation Documents

All exhibits and documents included in the Plan Implementation Documents are incorporated into and are a part of the Plan as if set forth in full in the Plan. All documents required to be filed with the Plan Implementation Documents shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the commencement of the Confirmation Hearing. Thereafter, any Person may examine the Plan Implementation Documents in the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court during normal court hours. Copies of the Plan Implementation Documents may also be obtained without charge by contacting Eric J. Taube or Mark C. Taylor at the Waller address listed below.

P. Exemption from Certain Transfer Taxes

Pursuant to Section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, any transfers from Debtor or its Estate to the Liquidating Trust or any other Person pursuant to the Plan in the United States, including any Liens granted by Debtor or its Estate shall not be taxed under any law imposing a stamp tax, real estate transfer tax, sales or use tax, or other similar tax. Such exemption specifically applies, without limitation, to all documents necessary to evidence and implement distributions under the Plan.

Q. Office of the United States Trustee

The Liquidating Trustee shall provide the United States Trustee with financial reports on a quarterly basis in the form of affidavits of disbursements and pay all required fees until such time as a final decree is entered in the Chapter 11 Case.

R. Claims Objections

Except to the extent that a claim is already allowed pursuant to a final non-appealable order, the Trustee reserves the right to object to claims. Therefore, even if your claim is allowed for voting purposes, you may not be entitled to a distribution if an objection to your claim is later upheld. The procedures for resolving disputed claims are set forth in Article 6 of the Plan.

S. Current and Historical Financial Conditions

A current listing of the estate's assets are included in the most recent monthly operating report filed with the Court, and are described in the Summary above as well as in the analysis below.

III. SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER 11 PLAN AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS

A. What is the Purpose of the Chapter 11 Plan?

As required by Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan places Creditors and Holders of Equity Interest in various classes and describes the treatment each class will receive on account of their allowed claim amounts. The Plan also provides whether each class of claims or Holders of Equity Interest is impaired or unimpaired. Unimpaired classes will receive payment in full on their allowed claim amounts. Impaired classes will receive either payment in full under circumstances less advantageous than previously agreed upon between the claim holder and the Trustee or pro rata payment of their allowed claim amounts. If the Plan is confirmed, your recovery will be limited to the amount provided by the Plan and will be paid on terms set forth in the Plan, as confirmed.

B. Unclassified Claims

Certain types of claims are automatically entitled to specific treatment under the Bankruptcy Code. They are not considered impaired, and holders of such claims do not vote on the Plan. They may, however, object if, in their view, their treatment under the Plan does not comply with that required by the Bankruptcy Code.

1. Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are costs or expenses of administering the Debtor's Chapter 11 case which are allowed pursuant to § 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Administrative expenses also include the value of any goods sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of business and received within 20 days before the Petition Date of July 10, 2015. The Bankruptcy Code requires that all administrative expenses be paid on the Effective Date of the Plan, unless a particular claimant agrees to a different treatment.

Estimated administrative costs from 9/30/18 through a December 2018 Effective Date (which are subject to change) include:

Chapter 11 Trustee fees (pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 326): \$410,000

Professional fees: \$350,000

US Trustee fees: \$81,000

The following chart lists the Debtor's and Trustee's estimated administrative expenses, and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Type	Estimated Amount Owed	Proposed Treatment
Expenses Arising in the Ordinary Course of Business After the Petition Date	Unknown	Paid in full on the effective date of the Plan, or according to terms of obligation if later.

Type	Estimated Amount Owed	Proposed Treatment
Professional Fees, not yet approved by the Bankruptcy Court:		Paid in full on the Effective Date of the Plan, or according to separate written agreement, or according to court order if such fees have not been approved by the Bankruptcy Court on the Effective Date of the Plan. Fees are being paid 80% on a monthly basis (and 100% of costs), with the remaining fees paid quarterly. Accordingly, it is not anticipated that accrued and unpaid fees will be substantial.
Other administrative expenses	Unknown	Paid in full on the Effective Date of the Plan or according to separate written agreement.
Office of the United States Trustee Fees	Unknown	Paid in full on the Effective Date of the Plan.

2. *Priority Tax Claims*

Priority tax claims are unsecured income, employment, and other taxes described by § 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code. Unless the holder of such a § 507(a)(8) priority tax claim agrees otherwise, it must receive the present value of such claim, in regular installments paid over a period not exceeding five (5) years from the order of relief.

The Trustee anticipates that there will be no § 507(a)(8) priority tax claims.

C. **Classes of Claims and Equity Interests**

The following are the classes set forth in the Plan, and the proposed treatment that they will receive under the Plan:

1. *Priority Claims.*

Any Allowed Priority Claims shall be paid in full on the Effective Date.

2. *Secured Claims*

Allowed Secured Claims are claims secured by property of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate (or that are subject to setoff) to the extent allowed as secured claims under § 506 of the Bankruptcy Code. If the value of the collateral or setoffs securing the creditor's claim is less than the amount of the creditor's allowed claim, any deficiency will be classified as a general unsecured claim.

The following chart lists all classes containing Debtor's secured prepetition claims and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Class	Description	Impairment	Description of Treatment
Class 2	Other Secured	Unimpaired	Will retain valid liens on Property until such Claims are paid in full.
Class 3	Secured M&M Liens	Unimpaired	Will retain valid liens on Property until such Claims are paid in full.

3. *Class 4 General Unsecured Claims*

General unsecured claims are not secured by property of the estate and are not entitled to priority under § 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. At this point, the Trustee and Committee estimate that the payout to Class 4 may be between 20-35% of Allowed Claims; the range depends upon a number of factors, including but not limited to ongoing claim objections, reserves for certain mineral lien claims relating to the proceeds from the sale of assets by AEX, and recovery on remaining claims and causes of action.

The following chart identifies the Plan's proposed treatment of general unsecured claims against the Debtor:

Class	Description	Impairment	Treatment
Class 4	General Unsecured Claims	Impaired	Class 4 creditors will receive a prorata share of interests in the Liquidating Trust, equivalent to the ratio that their individual Allowed Claim bears to the total of Class 4 Allowed Claims.
Class 5	Subordinated Claims	Impaired	Class 5 creditors will receive a pro rata share of interests in the Liquidating Trust, in the percentage that the dollar amount of their individual Allowed Claim bears to the dollar amount of all Allowed Class 5 Claims, to be calculated and paid only after all senior classes are paid in full.

4. *Class 6 Holders of Equity Interest*

Holders of Equity Interest are parties who hold an ownership interest in the Debtor. In a limited liability company, the members of the LLC are Holders of Equity Interest.

The following chart sets forth the Plan's proposed treatment of the class of Holders of Equity Interest:

Class	Description	Impairment	Treatment
Class 6	Holders of Equity Interest	Impaired	All Equity Interest shall be cancelled under the Plan. Holders of Class 6 Equity Interests shall receive any remaining funds or assets from the Liquidating Trust in the event all senior classes are paid in full.

D. Means of Implementing the Plan

All assets of the Estate remaining as of the Effective Date, other than as necessary to pay any Allowed Secured Claims, Allowed Priority Claims, allowed Administrative Claims, pre-Effective Date U.S. Trustee's fees and a reserve for wind down costs shall be transferred to the Liquidating Trust.

E. Risk Factors

Assuming that the Plan is confirmed, the Plan's success is not contingent upon the future operations of the Property since it is being conveyed to the Liquidating Trust hereunder.

F. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

The Plan lists all executory contracts and unexpired leases that the Trustee will assume under the Plan. Assumption means that the Trustee has elected to continue to perform the obligations under such contracts and unexpired leases, and to cure defaults of the type that must be cured under the Bankruptcy Code, if any.

If you object to the assumption of your unexpired lease or executory contract, you must file and serve your objection to the Plan within the deadline for objecting to the confirmation of the Plan, unless the Bankruptcy Court has set an earlier time.

All executory contracts and unexpired leases that are not listed as being assumed in the Plan or the subject of a separately filed Motion to Assume or Reject will be rejected under the Plan. Consult your adviser or attorney for more specific information about particular contracts or leases.

If you object to the rejection of your contract or lease, you must file and serve your objection to the Plan within the deadline for objecting to the confirmation of the Plan.

The deadline for filing a proof of claim based on a claim arising from the rejection of a lease or contract is thirty (30) days after the rejection of any lease or contract, notwithstanding the bar date. Any claim based on the rejection of a contract or lease will be barred if the proof of claim is not timely filed, unless the Bankruptcy Court orders otherwise.

G. Tax Consequences of Plan

CREDITORS AND HOLDERS OF EQUITY INTEREST CONCERNED WITH HOW THE PLAN MAY AFFECT THEIR TAX LIABILITY SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ACCOUNTANTS, ATTORNEYS, AND/OR ADVISORS.

To the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the Debtor is current on all of its tax obligations and does not anticipate any additional tax consequences related to its Chapter 11 Case or the implementation of the Plan. To date, the Debtor has been treated as a pass-through entity for tax purposes.

IV. CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

To be confirmed, the Plan must meet the requirements listed in §§ 1129(a) or (b) of the Bankruptcy Code. These include the requirements that: the Plan must be proposed in good faith; at least one impaired class of claims must accept the plan, without counting votes of insiders; the Plan must distribute to each creditor and equity security interest holder at least as much as the creditor or equity interest holder would receive in a Chapter 7 liquidation case, unless the creditor or equity interest holder votes to accept the Plan; and the Plan must be feasible. These requirements are not the only requirements listed in § 1129, and they are not the only requirements for confirmation.

A. Who May Vote or Object

Any party in interest may object to the confirmation of the Plan if the party believes that the requirements for confirmation are not met.

Many parties in interest, however, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. A creditor or equity interest holder has a right to vote for or against the Plan only if that creditor or equity interest holder has a claim or equity interest that is both (1) allowed or allowed for voting purposes and (2) impaired.

In this case, the Trustee believes that the classes of secured creditors (Class(es) 2 and 3) and unsecured creditors (Class(es) 4 and 5) are impaired and that holders of claims in each of these classes are therefore entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

The Trustee further believes that the holder of Equity Interest in the Debtor (Class 6) is deemed to reject since such class will not receive or retain any property under the Plan and that holders of such interests in this class, therefore, does not have the right to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

1. What Is an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Equity Interest?

Only a creditor or equity interest holder with an allowed claim or an allowed equity interest has the right to vote on the Plan. Generally, a claim or equity interest is allowed if either (1) the Debtor has scheduled the claim on the Debtor's schedules, unless the claim has been scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, or (2) the creditor has filed a proof of claim

or equity interest, unless an objection has been filed to such proof of claim or equity interest. When a claim or equity interest is not allowed, the creditor or equity interest holder holding the claim or equity interest cannot vote unless the Bankruptcy Court, after notice and hearing, either overrules the objection or allows the claim or equity interest for voting purposes pursuant to Rule 3018(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

The deadline set by the Bankruptcy Court for filing a proof of claim in this case was November 11, 2015.

The deadline for filing objections to claims has not been set.

2. *What Is an Impaired Claim or Impaired Equity Interest?*

As noted above, the holder of an allowed claim or equity security interest has the right to vote only if it is in a class which is *impaired* under the Plan. As provided in § 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, a class is considered impaired if the Plan alters the legal, equitable, or contractual rights of the members of that class.

3. *Who is Not Entitled to Vote?*

The holders of the following five types of claims and equity interests are *not* entitled to vote:

- holders of claims and equity interests that have been disallowed by an order of the Bankruptcy Court;
- holders of other claims or equity interests that are not “allowed claims” or “allowed equity security interests” (as discussed above), unless they have been “allowed” for voting purposes.
- holders of claims or equity interests in unimpaired classes;
- holders of claims entitled to priority pursuant to §§ 507(a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- holders of claims or equity interests in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan; and
- administrative expenses.

Even if you are not entitled to vote on the Plan, you have a right to object to the confirmation of the Plan and to the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement.

4. *Who Can Vote in More Than One Class*

A creditor whose claim has been allowed in part as a secured claim and in part as an unsecured claim, or who otherwise hold claims in multiple classes, is entitled to accept or reject a Plan in each capacity, and should cast one ballot for their claim in each different class.

B. Votes Necessary to Confirm the Plan

If impaired classes exist, the Bankruptcy Court cannot confirm the Plan unless (1) at least one impaired class of creditors has accepted the Plan without counting the votes of any insiders within that class, and (2) all impaired classes have voted to accept the Plan, unless the Plan is eligible to be confirmed by cram down on non-accepting classes.

1. Votes Necessary for a Class to Accept the Plan

A class of claims accepts the Plan if both of the following occur: (1) the holders of more than one-half (1/2) of the allowed claims in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan, and (2) the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount of the allowed claims in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan.

A class of equity interests accepts the Plan if the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the allowed equity interests in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan.

2. Treatment of Non-Accepting Classes

Even if one or more impaired classes reject the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if the non-accepting classes are treated in the manner prescribed by § 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. A plan that binds non-accepting classes is commonly referred to as a cram-down plan. The Bankruptcy Code allows the Plan to bind non-accepting classes of claims or equity interests if it meets all the requirements for consensual confirmation except the voting requirements of § 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code, does not discriminate unfairly, and is fair and equitable toward each impaired class that has not voted to accept the Plan.

You should consult your own attorney if a cramdown confirmation will affect your claim or equity interest, as the variations on this general rule are numerous and complex.

C. Liquidation Analysis

To confirm the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court must find that all Creditors and Holders of Equity Interest who do not accept the Plan will receive at least as much under the Plan as such Creditors and Holders of Equity Interest would receive in a chapter 7 liquidation. The Plan contemplates a liquidation of remaining assets and distribution through the Liquidating Trust. Because most recoveries have already occurred, the expected recoveries would not vary materially under a Chapter 7. The Trustee and Committee believe that administrative costs would be higher due to the time and expense needed for new counsel and professionals.

D. Feasibility

The Bankruptcy Court must find that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

1. Ability to Fund Plan

The Trustee believes that he will have enough cash on hand on the Effective Date of the Plan to pay all the claims and expenses that are entitled to be paid on that date. The distributions under the Plan are not contingent upon future operations of the Property.

You should consult with your accountant or other financial advisor if you have any questions pertaining to these projections.

V. EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

A. Binding Effect of Confirmation

In accordance with § 1141(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the provisions of a confirmed plan bind the Debtor, any entity issuing securities under the Plan, any entity acquiring property under the Plan, and any Creditor, equity security holder, or general partner in the Debtor, whether or not the Claim or Interest of such Creditor, equity security holder or general partner is impaired under the Plan and whether or not such Creditor, equity security holder or general partner has accepted the Plan.

B. Modification of Plan

The Trustee may modify the Plan at any time before confirmation of the Plan. However, if the Plan is modified, the Bankruptcy Court may require a new disclosure statement and/or re-voting on the Plan.

The Trustee may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after confirmation only if (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated *and* (2) the Bankruptcy Court authorizes the proposed modifications after notice and a hearing.

C. Final Decree

Once the Estate has been fully administered, as provided in Rule 3022 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Trustee, or such other party as the Bankruptcy Court shall designate in the Confirmation Order, shall file a motion with the Bankruptcy Court to obtain a final decree to close the case. Alternatively, the Bankruptcy Court may enter such a final decree on its own motion.

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EXHIBIT A

Plan

EXHIBIT B

Resume of Trustee